



July 30, 2019

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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Section 63.71 Application of The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed is a Section 63.71 discontinuance application of The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC (FRN: 0003740222).

The application seeks Commission approval for the discontinuance of The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC's carrier switched access tandem exchange service and local transit service to the Elkhorn, Wisconsin market area. The discontinuance will occur on September 15, 2019.

Please direct questions concerning this Transmittal to me at the contact information below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer R. Heise", is positioned above the typed name.

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Enclosure

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of	)
Section 63.71 Application of	)
<b>The State Long Distance Telephone</b>	)
<b>Company, LLC</b>	)
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)
the Communications Act of 1934,	)
to Discontinue switched access	)
tandem exchange services and local	)
transit service to the Elkhorn,	)
Wisconsin market area	)

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF  
The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC**

The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC (“Applicant”) seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214(a) and Section 63.71 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its carrier switched access tandem exchange service and local transit service to the Elkhorn, Wisconsin market area.

The Applicant provides the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission’s Rules:

1. Name and Address of the Carrier: The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC, 525 Junction Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.
2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance: Applicant plans to discontinue the affected services on September 15, 2019.
3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected: Applicant proposes to discontinue the affected services in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.
4. Description of Service Affected: Switched access tandem exchange services and local transit services provide the ability to originate calls from an end user’s premises to a customer’s premises, and to terminate calls from a customer’s premises to an end user’s premises.
5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers: Applicant mailed a written notification of the planned discontinuance to the impacted carrier customers utilizing the services in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission’s Rules. Customer notifications were mailed via UPS overnight on July 30, 2019. A copy of the notification is attached to this application.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier: Applicant is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

7. Other Information: In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this application is being mailed concurrently with its filing to the Governor of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense. Please direct questions regarding this application to the undersigned.

Conclusion: The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the Applicant's switched access tandem exchange services and local transit service to the Elkhorn, Wisconsin market area. Advance notice has been provided to all affected carrier customers giving them ample time to arrange for substitute services readily available from other providers. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jennifer Heise, do hereby certify that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53707-7854

Governor's Office  
115 E Capitol #1  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

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Jennifer R. Heise



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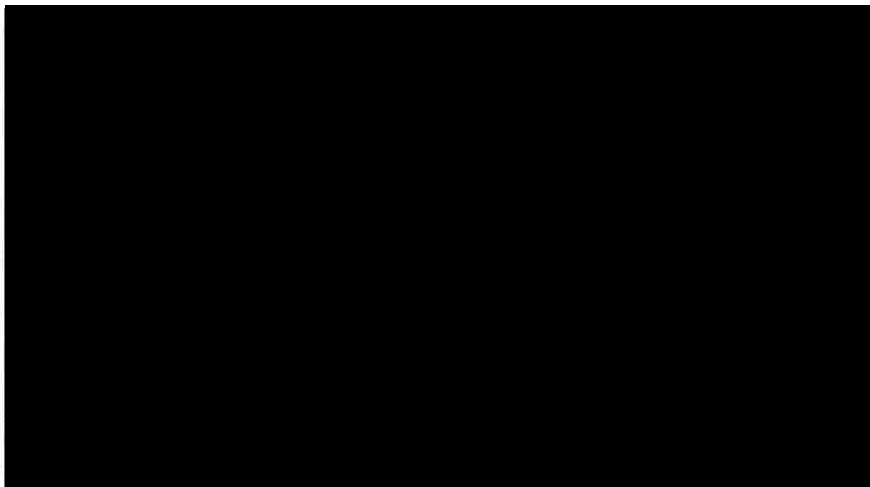
July 29, 2019

**RE: Tandem switch decommission at The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC located in Elkhorn, WI**

Upon regulatory approval, on or after September 15, 2019 TDS TELECOM will decommission its Class 4 access/local tandem switch in Elkhorn, WI (ELKHWIXB61T) and discontinue offering tandem switching service and local transit service at that location.

All customers and offices served by ELKHWIXB61T have been migrated to the AT&T **MILWWI1261T** access tandem. Carriers with Tandem Trunk groups to ELKHWIXB61T should establish Direct End Office trunks to ELKHWIXBPSO or augment trunk groups to the AT&T **MILWWI1261T** access tandem to accommodate their Elkhorn traffic.

Carriers should issue disconnect orders now for any trunks remaining on ELKHWIXB61T to the TDS Telecom Access Service Center. A list of affected trunk groups is below. All trunk groups must be disconnected by September 15, 2019.



The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance.

You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of The State Long Distance Company, LLC d/b/a TDS Telecom. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed



discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

**Carrier Name:** The State Long Distance Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a TDS Telecom

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**Network Contact:** Pam Zimmerman

**Contact Telephone:** (218) 568-2529

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**Carrier Relations:** Bernadette Bakunovich

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**ASR Contact:** TDS TELECOM – ACCESS SERVICE CENTER

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